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Ritter stresses community action

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Opinion Editor

Southwest Missouri was given the opportunity to ask questions of former U.N. weapons inspector Scott Ritter on Oct. 21 in Taylor Auditorium.

Ritter lectured for more than two hours about U.S. involvement in Iraq.

"The whole purpose of resignation was on principle in protest to what I deemed a failure of policy, and I made a decision at that point in time to commit myself to see our Iraq policy changed," Ritter said, "and so I have been speaking out against that by writing books and doing whatever I can to get the message out.

"You have representatives in Congress speaking about the threat Iraq poses and talking about the links with Al Qaeda and listening to the president speak, and there is this big temptation to believe everything you hear at face value, not question anything, and I think that's a danger. You have to question everything, it doesn't mean you're being negative, but you have to use the standards of when you go buy a car, you inspect the mileage, look under the hood and don't take the salesman's word for anything."

Ritter gave *The Chart* a one-on-one interview.

When not on the lecture circuit, Ritter serves on the volunteer fire department in Delmar, N.Y.

"It's a good way to give back," he said. "I'm a big believer in community. It's easy to fall into an artificial reality of elitism. I consider myself a regular guy. You can get carried away, traveling around the country, and let it go to your head and say 'I'm special.' But being on the fire department, you're not special. You're just another firefighter who better get in his gear and respond to call and obey orders on the scene like everybody else. And when it's done, you drink a beer like everybody else.

He compared investing in the community to investing in America. When someone asks Ritter for advice on going into the military, he encourages them to because it is an investment in the country.

"Everybody makes a commitment to their country in a different way, being a doctor, a lawyer or a journalist, you are committed to your country," he said. "People take for granted what it means to be a citizen."

Ritter believes it is a failure how few people turn out to vote, and of those who do, how many are actually qualified to vote and know what the issues are.

"We need to hold our elected officials accountable," he said. "We often times find a situation where we have candidates running who are not the best candidates for office. Because people have disengaged themselves from the political process, we get presented with these candidates. If people become

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Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Scott Ritter, former U.N. weapons inspector to Iraq, spoke Oct. 21 at Missouri Southern.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Kenny Nickels of Ft. Leonard Wood helps his son Josh replace the front tire of his truck after it was vandalized in the Blaine Hall parking lot. Josh said the tire would cost $175 to replace. He was visiting his fiancée when the incident occurred.

Unknown culprits slash vehicle tires

BY T.J. GERLACH
Staff Writer

Two unknown individuals slashed tires on five vehicles early in the morning Oct. 19.

At approximately 2 a.m., Raymond Magee, an officer with campus security, saw a brown station wagon driving toward Newman Road in front of Blaine Hall. The vehicle stopped and two young males got out. The driver of the vehicle proceeded to the stop sign in front of Blaine.

The two males began running toward the station wagon, stopping between every vehicle. When Magee got outside, the pair had already entered the vehicle and driven off. Paul Thompson, another security officer, believes he may have seen the vehicle leaving the parking lot.

Magee then checked the vehicles the two males had stopped between and noticed there was one flat tire on all of the vehicles. He called Joplin police to report the incident.

Only the report from Magee was filed in the safety and security office. The report lists the five vehicles and their owners.

Jennifer Rogers, freshman International Business and Spanish major, was about to leave for a parade Saturday morning when she found a "knife mark" in one of the front tires of her Toyota Corolla. She put on the spare tire and barely made it to the parade. Rogers, the only female victim, said she called security to file a report, but "they told me that they already had one on file and didn't need mine."

"It happened early in the morning," said

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College celebrates 65th anniversary at Homecoming

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

This year, Missouri Southern is planning a "sensational" Homecoming.

The theme for the week before the Homecoming football game, Oct. 28-Nov. 2, is "Sensational Sixties" in celebration of the 65th anniversary of the College.

"I hope we have a lot of participation," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. "We have a lot of good events."

All events throughout the week are free to students.

The 2002 Homecoming royalty was chosen after voting Oct. 22 and 23. The king candidates are Robby Ball, Residence Hall Association; David "Sparky" Mink, Sigma Tau Delta; Brandon Rabel, Koinonia; Christopher Crabtree, Native American Student Association; and John "J.C." Magoffin, College Orientation. The queen candidates are Melissa Oberman, Residence Hall Association; Sarah Cunningham, Student Alumni; Jennifer Jackson, Koinonia; Seafha Blount, Native American Student Association; and Mysti Byrd, College Orientation.

Monday students can take part in "Picture This," sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center. Students can have their faces superimposed on a 5x7 color glossy that can be made to look like their favorite magazines.

From 12-2 p.m., Tuesday, students can participate in the CAB-sponsored "Think Fast" game show on the second floor of the BSC. The winner receives $200 in cash.

The talent show also takes place at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium, sponsored by Student Activities.

Cassie Price, sophomore nursing major, said the talent show is her favorite activity of Homecoming week.

"It's a lot of fun," she said.

Wednesday, students can make their own music video from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on the second floor of the BSC. Students can lip sync and have the video recorded on VHS or DVD. The activity is sponsored by the CAB.

The Student Senate and the

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Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Takao Shibata, Japanese consulate general, visited Southern Oct. 17.

Japanese consulate visits Southern

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

It was a welcoming sight for a handful of international students when they were able to visit with Takao Shibata, the consulate general of Japan.

Shibata, who made his first visit to Missouri Southern Oct. 17, toured the campus, visited with students and learned about Southern's international program.

"I'm impressed by the programs," Shibata said. "It was a surprise."

Shibata was appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the new consul in July. His office in Kansas City is often considered to be a regional embassy. The office is one of 18 Consulate offices scattered around the United States and U.S. territories. Shibata serves Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Missouri.

"He knew little about the Missouri Southern State Campus, so it was important for us to show him the campus and international programs," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies. "It was a very beneficial visit to the campus."

After lunch, Shibata met with a variety of campus officials in Spiva Art Gallery. Refreshments were served, but most of the people in attendance

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SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 60
Low: 42

SUNDAY
Scattered Showers
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Senate plans street names

BY JACOB W. BROWER
Associate Editor

The wheels are in motion for the naming of the streets on campus, Zack Odem, Student Senate president, announced Oct. 23.

Odem said the Senate will name 13 different streets on campus. He said the project will be funded by either the physical plant or the Senate, or "some combination thereof." The entire project — street signs and concrete — is expected to cost around $1,000, Odem said.

Andrew McGowan, treasurer, said he hopes the Senate does fund at least a portion of the project.

"We will be doing it (the naming), but it would mean more if we actually put funds behind it," he said.

The street naming committee will meet Monday, where each member will suggest five street names.

The committee will choose its 13 favorite names and bring them before a vote of the Senate.

Students with ideas for street names should bring them to the Student Services office, Billingsly Student Center, Room 211, no later than Nov. 4. Odem said the committee will not consider naming any streets after people for possible future fundraising purposes.

For the second consecutive week, the Senate did not hear any allocation requests from campus organizations. McGowan said this is probably because most groups are waiting until the spring semester.

However, the Senate will hear a $400 request from the Collegiate Music Educators National Convention. The group will hold a party Oct. 29 for recruitment purposes.

"We'll see about that," McGowan said. "My motto is 'everybody gets less.'"

McGowan said there is $11,800 remaining in the treasury this semester. The Senate is on pace for a $6,600 budget surplus going into the spring semester, with five meetings left in the fall.

The College traditionally allocates an extra $8,000 to the Senate treasury for the spring semester.

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were busy trying to grab a moment with the Consulate.

"I was excited to see him," said Hiromi Tateishi, sophomore business major with Ryukoku University.

Talking in Japanese, Tateishi spoke with Shibata about life on campus.

"He asked about life in Joplin and how it was going," Tateishi said.

Shibata said he was impressed with Southern's focus on international business.

"We like the international business program to include Japan," Shibata said.

Stebbins said Shibata's visit to Southern benefited the campus and especially the Institute.

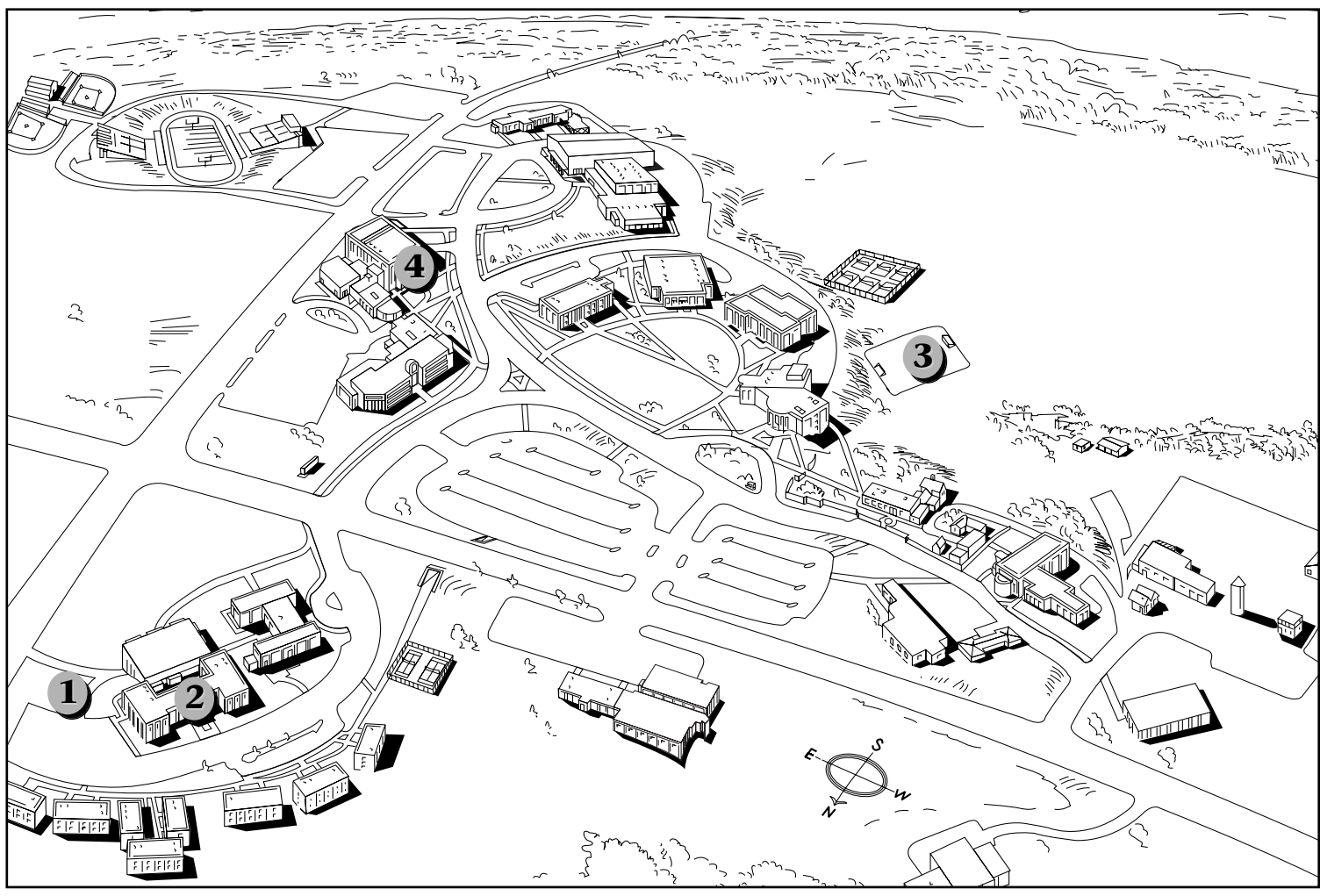
"I think he was surprised to find a college in Southwest Missouri that would choose to study Japan," Stebbins said. "It's all about building awareness for Missouri Southern and the International Program."

The Kansas City office works with Japanese, Americans and foreign nationals in the areas of consular services, including the issuance of visas to Americans and foreign nationals to visit Japan and passports or other documents to Japanese nationals.

"We are there in Kansas City to help," Shibata said.

Although it was only his second visit to Southwest Missouri, Shibata plans to continue visiting Southern.

"I'm here to offer assistance," he said. "My office wants to promote the study of Japan and the culture."



Black floor mat difficult to track down

1 Medical Call

10/18/2002

5:05 p.m.

Security was called to East Hall when it was reported a student had passed out on the second floor. Security talked to the student and she said she had donated plasma an hour and a half earlier.

While the officer was talking to the student, she again passed out. An ambulance was called to the scene where she was given fluids. She refused medical attention.

2 Malicious Behavior

10/19/2002

2 a.m.

Security was in Blaine Hall when an officer saw a brown station wagon driving slowly toward Newman Road. Two young males got out of the car ran to a vehicle, stopped and ran toward another vehicle.

When the officer went to investigate, he noticed five vehicles had punctured tires. All owners of the vehicles were notified.

3 Suspicious Behavior

10/20/2002

6 p.m.

An individual reported to security her 12-year-old son was by the soccer field when a suspicious male harassed him. The boy began to run away. The harasser threw off his jacket and began chasing after the boy. The suspect was unable to reach him.

The suspect is around 5-feet-7 and 21-25 years old.

4 Theft

10/21/2002

8:45 a.m.

The custodian in the Taylor Performing Arts Center reported to security the black floor mat located by the double doors was missing. At first, the custodian thought the door mat to the music department was being borrowed.

After three days, and with it still missing, the custodian called security.

The Chart will not publish Friday, Nov. 1, but catch us again Nov. 8!

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Joplin's 7-Day Forecast

Friday — Scattered Showers — High: 59 Low: 46
Saturday — Partly Cloudy — High: 60 Low: 42
Sunday — Scattered Showers — High: 53 Low: 41
Monday — A.M. Showers — High: 52 Low: 37
Tuesday — Showers Possible — High: 55 Low: 35
Wednesday — Partly Cloudy — High: 59 Low: 34
Thursday — Partly Cloudy — High: 62 Low: 36

Weather History

Oct. 24, 1988 - Strong winds circulating around a deep low pressure center produced snow squalls in the Great Lakes region, with six inches reported at Ironwood, Mich. Wind gusts to 80 mph were reported at State College, Pa.

Joplin's Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Monday	64	32	72/49	0.00"
Tuesday	64	34	72/48	0.00"
Wednesday	53	34	71/48	0.01"
Thursday	64	33	71/48	0.00"
Friday	71	54	70/47	0.06"
Saturday	60	44	70/47	0.15"
Sunday	65	42	70/47	0.00"

Precipitation for the week .....0.22"
Normal precipitation for the week .....0.84"
Departure from normal for the week ..-0.62"
Precipitation for the year .....37.16"
Normal precipitation year to date .....37.72"
Departure from normal for the year ...-0.56"
* Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

Campus Recreational Forecast

A departing area of low pressure will bring scattered precipitation across the campus today. High pressure will generate partly cloudy skies Saturday and this will be the best chance to schedule recreational activities. An area of low pressure with a trailing cold front will slide in from the west Sunday and early Monday. This system will create a chance of showers along with breezy conditions. High pressure will regain control by the middle of next week, bringing partly cloudy skies. High temperatures will top out in the 50s and 60s. Lows will drop into the 30s and 40s.

Joplin's Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last 10/28 — New 11/4 — First 11/11 — Full 11/19

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:35 a.m.	6:28 p.m.	9:19 p.m.	11:39 a.m.
Sat	7:36 a.m.	6:27 p.m.	10:09 p.m.	12:37 p.m.
Sun	6:37 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	10:06 p.m.	12:32 p.m.
Mon	6:38 a.m.	5:24 p.m.	11:09 p.m.	1:21 p.m.
Tue	6:39 a.m.	5:23 p.m.	None	2:05 p.m.
Wed	6:40 a.m.	5:22 p.m.	12:17 a.m.	2:43 p.m.
Thu	6:41 a.m.	5:21 p.m.	1:27 a.m.	3:17 p.m.

National Weather Summary This Week

An area of low pressure will create a rough end of the week across most of the southeastern United States and the southern Plains. This system will generate a wide path of precipitation along with breezy conditions. An area of low pressure will swirl through the northern Plains and the Upper Midwest this weekend. This low pressure center will result in scattered snow showers under mostly cloudy skies. A strengthening area of low pressure will bring a likely chance of showers and thunderstorms across the central and southern Plains late this weekend. This low pressure center will traverse the Gulf Coast states to begin next week, producing precipitation. A storm system will form across the Great Plains by the middle of next week, creating another round of precipitation.

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Weather Trivia

How long does it take the sound of thunder to travel one mile?

Answer: Five seconds.

Tanning Index Today

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UV Index Scale
0-2: Minimal Exposure
3-4: Low Exposure
5-6: Moderate Exposure
7-9: High Exposure
10+: Very High Exposure

Local Precipitation Log

Month	2002	2001	Normal
Jan	3.09	3.44	1.74
Feb	0.72	4.66	2.12
Mar	2.65	0.81	3.10
Apr	4.10	2.26	4.10
May	13.60	5.78	4.96
Jun	4.71	6.37	5.07
Jul	4.87	3.73	3.73
Aug	1.14	1.05	3.58
Sep	1.64	2.98	4.97
Oct	0.69	6.44	3.50
Nov	------	3.99	3.18
Dec	------	3.52	2.54
Total	**37.16**	**45.03**	**42.59**

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Jeff City plans International Student Day

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

More than a dozen international students will represent Missouri Southern at the fourth annual Missouri International Student Day in Jefferson City.

"It's an opportunity for international students around the state to get acquainted," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director for the Institute of International Studies.

Last year more than 74 countries were represented by nearly 400 international students in the state capital.

Students will leave Southern at 5:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1 in order to arrive by 9 a.m. While there, students will attend a variety of informative programs, tour the state capital, have a luncheon and tour the governor's mansion.

"We take them for the experience," Stebbins said.

He said the event went well last year. If there was one drawback, however, it was because Gov. Bob Holden didn't show due to scheduling conflicts.

"Hopefully, he's going to show up," he said. "I know students want to meet him."

Stephanie Goad, project coordinator for the Missouri Multi-Cultural Network who also assists with the Institute, will be attending the event along with the 16 international students.

She said she's excited about the day.

"It's a celebration of the international student," Goad said. "They will be able to see what the state capital is like."

One highlighting event will be the announcement of the International Student of the Year award. Each school in Missouri, with an international program, nominated one student in hopes of winning.

Stebbins said events like these help the Institute achieve more exposure throughout the state.

"We have a very small international student population in comparison to other schools in the state," he said. "It's a large networking opportunity."

After the seminars and the luncheon, the capitol building and the governor's mansion will open up for students.

"It's a nice gesture by the governor," Stebbins said.

Hiromi Tateishi, sophomore business major, said she's excited about the day.

"I want to know all about Missouri," Tateishi said. "This will be a good opportunity."

Goad hopes the day will give her the opportunity to get to know some of the students a little better.

"I'm hoping to interact with the international students here," Goad said. "It opens your eyes to see what's beyond our borders."

WISE members help D.C. kids

BY JACOB WEST
Staff Writer

Eight members of the World Issues for Study by Educators spent six days in the Washington D.C., area to teach at culturally diverse urban "schools of excellence."

The group left Oct. 15 and returned Oct. 20. While there, the WISE members were able to experience how being the minority feels, because there were only 30 percent of the students who were Caucasian, 60 percent who were African-American and 37 percent who were mixed Hispanic and Latin American.

"It is an opportunity to consider being a minority in a different way," said Dr. Vikki Spencer, associate professor and a coordinator of the trip.

WISE students taught at four schools, including Brent Elementary, Binning Elementary, Stuart-Hobson and the "School-Without-Walls." WISE has a partnership with George Washington University, enabling members to work with these schools. Most of the schools are associated with either the Smithsonian museums or have an embassy program where students in the school are children of parents who work for the U.S. embassy.

The eight Missouri Southern students who participated were Deanna Dawson, Audrey McAuliff, Janet Parker, Nicki Roberts, Melissa Snyder, Cristy Bennett, Erika Cosey and Tonya Grant.

The "School-Without-Walls" is not familiar in this area, which is where the classes are not separated, but all of the students are together in one room.

"These schools are more of an intellectual definition, rather than a literal definition," Spencer said.

Seminar sessions beforehand provided the opportunity for WISE students to become aware of the educational environment of diverse cultural groups.

"It was really wonderful," said Dawson, senior early childhood elementary major. "They [the children] wore uniforms and were not looking at each other to see who had on the nicer clothes."

Dawson taught her lesson on the alphabet with each letter representing something from Missouri. Other topics included tornadoes, George Washington Carver, Langston Hughes and Mark Twain.

Dawson said there were more similarities than differences. There was a Positive Action assembly and "the kids were all well mannered,"

Dawson said the children had decorated their school, which showed how well they appreciated it. There were 21 students plus a teacher and teacher aid in Dawson's class. She is planning on student teaching in the spring.

BLOWING SAND

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Emmitt Girton, Hughes Stadium maintenance attendant, blows sand off the turf with an air compressor pulled behind a cart. Girton said this kind of turf is normally brushed but brushing Hughes Stadium's turf would risk damaging it because of its age and brittleness.

Council conference invites students

BY JACOB WEST
Staff Writer

Twelve senior education majors from the International Reading Association will attend the 36th annual Missouri State Council Conference.

This conference is scheduled for Oct. 31-Nov. 2 at the Lodge of Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks.

While there, participants will also be presiders at events, such as introducing guest authors, storytellers, speakers and national headquarters' representatives.

IRA members have volunteered to introduce the speakers and authors. There has been no other university or college in Missouri that has had students take on task such as this into their own hands. Southern students will be recognized by wearing green and gold ribbons identifying them as presiders, featured in photographs and biographies in the conference program and introduced at meetings and the Author Institute luncheon and banquet.

An eight-year faculty member in the teacher education department who has been an organizer for the conference is Dr. Jane A. Scholl, associate professor.

"It is so well organized, and having former graduates from Southern on the steering committee helps," she said.

Opportunities at the conference will include six general sessions of which the past president of the National IRA, Donna Ogle, will speak along with others. In addition to those general sessions, there will be three special sessions and 30 regular sessions.

Some of the benefits to the IRA students include taking a leadership role in an established state conference, networking with educators from Missouri and surrounding states, gaining new knowledge about the field of reading and establishing their commitment to the importance of teaching reading.

The IRA organization at the College has been recognized as the most active by the Missouri State IRA Council for the past seven years. Funding for the conference has been requested from the Student Senate, which provided $1,000.

The IRA holds two fund-raisers, "Rock 'n' Read" in the fall and "Touchdown Alley" in the summer, where money received goes to community service projects, meeting expenses and the summer leadership retreat.

Scholl was also a member of the IRA while in college, and by working on the committee to help organize the conference, she is helping to "give back to IRA."

Students will also learn about current research and trends in education and reading.

For a first-year conference attendee, Tabitha Glover, senior elementary education/reading major, is hoping to gain leadership abilities. "I really like to read," she said.

The other 11 students attending are Lisa-Goans Edie, outgoing president; Lashel Crouch, incoming president; Carol Clark, outgoing historian; Emily Drake, treasurer; and Sharla Clack, Nann Robertson, Amy Stemm, Carol Barns, Kerra Kunkel, Rebecca Penning and Kim McIntire.

Student documents Southern piano winner in New York

Special to The Chart

Robert Henry III made his debut at Carnegie Hall in New York City Oct. 7 after winning the 2002 Missouri Southern International Piano Competition.

Philip Cross, student production manager for KGCS-TV, traveled to New York City the week of Oct. 7 to document the Carnegie Hall debut performance of Robert Henry III, April 2002's Missouri Southern International Piano Competition winner.

During the trip, he had many different experiences in one of America's greatest cities.

When I returned to Missouri Southern this semester, I was told I had been chosen to go to New York City and help photograph and record the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition trip with Bill Hunt, creative services director of KGCS. This was such an exciting opportunity for me because I had never been to New York before.

New York is an amazing city. Our hotel was in the middle of Times Square. This was a cultural melting pot in itself.

From languages to styles of dress, everyone was unique. As time went on, the city grew on me, and I grew accustomed to the faster pace and the nonstop excitement.

While my purpose was ultimately to help create a documentary of the MSIPC and of the New York trip, Bill and I did get the opportunity to go sightseeing.

Philip Cross
Production Manager of KGCS

One of our first stops was the place that the city has become so well-known for, Ground Zero.

Aside from pictures, I had never seen the enormous Twin Towers, and now I was staring at the huge hole that marked one of the most devastating days in American history.

As I stood there in the midst of a remarkable crowd, my mind went back to the events of Sept. 11. It was an incredible experience.

The Statue of Liberty was amazing. One of the most interesting things was watching foreign tourists experience this symbol of America.

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Class registration begins next week for students

Students may pick up their DARS beginning Nov. 4 in the registrar's office.

Students can then schedule an appointment with their adviser, but cannot register until the assigned date.

Students with disabilities, honors students, junior and senior varsity athletes, junior and senior athletic trainers and approved participants in Project STAY may register Friday, Nov. 8.

Seniors with 90 or more hours can enroll Monday, Nov. 11. Juniors with 60 hours or more can register Thursday, Nov. 14. Sophomores with 30 hours or more may enroll Monday, Nov. 18. Transfer students may register Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Beginning freshmen and post-graduates can register Thursday, Nov. 21.

Open enrollment begins Monday, Nov. 25.

The deadlines to apply for graduation are Friday for May graduation and Saturday, Jan. 25 for July graduation.

Regents pass statement for athletics program

In its Oct. 16 meeting, the Missouri Southern Board of Regents approved an Athletics Program Philosophy State-ment emphasizing the need for balance between athletic attainments and classroom accomplishments for student athletes.

The National Collegiate Athletics Association regulations require each participating institution to possess such a philosophy statement.

The statement approved by the Board said "the welfare of the student athlete is an integral part of a successful athletics program" and "that the student athlete is first and foremost a student who possesses the same individual rights, academic abilities and personal interests as the general student body."

The philosophy statement will be published on the College's Web site and printed in the handbook distributed to coaches and student athletes.

Spiva Gallery to host Native American Expo

Spiva Art Gallery will host a Native American Art Expo Nov. 4-26. The gallery is open during the week from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Admission is free.

The expo will feature art work, jewelry, traditional craft and cultural items from the historical as well as the contemporary American Indian.

This expo is in honor of Native American Heritage month and is sponsored by the Missouri Southern Native American Student Association.

Awareness group plans to march against war

A four-states group, Peace Awareness, will march Saturday, calling for state and U.S. leaders to find alternatives to the impending war against Iraq.

The march will start about 1 p.m. in Joplin's Ewert Park at Sixth Street and McClelland Boulevard and continue to Spiva Park at Main and Fourth streets.

The citizens' group will point out that the expected attack is likely to lead to more violence and terrorism, not less.

It argues that American interests will only be hurt by flouting international law and by bypassing Congress' constitutional responsibility to declare war.

This march will coincide with similar marches across the nation disputing the possible war with Iraq.

Editor's Column

Legacy relieves pain of tragedy

Everything happens for a reason.

When my cousin Joe became a father during his sophomore year in high school, it seemed like the worst thing that could have happened.

Virginia Fairchild
City Editor

We were like brother and sister growing up. Joe was the all-American boy. He played sports, was heavily involved in student council and had tons of friends. Having a child at such a young age just didn't seem to fit into the blueprint. But, it happened and he learned to deal with it.

It was tough of course and there were many, many awkward moments. But Joe went on to become student body president. He still found time to play varsity basketball, and he always found time for friends and family. He was handsome, smart, funny and destined for greatness.

My family got the call Sunday morning, Aug. 6, 2000. I remember it vividly. Mom came in, woke me up and said, "Joe was killed last night."

He fell asleep at the wheel and drove into a semi head on. He was killed instantly.

Some things are just impossible to comprehend. My cousin, the one I looked up to for so many years, was gone. Just like that he was gone.

Now, when I look at Rowan (his baby girl), I see Joe. It relieves some of the pain because part of him is still with us. Rowan is a God-send.

It's hard to believe Joe was born only to live for 19 years. God knew Joe had early reservations for his grand plans in the kingdom of heaven, so he granted him the pleasure of parenthood at an early age. Most people who die young don't get that opportunity.

Since Joe's death, I have grown to understand my life is a puzzle with several pieces missing. God has all of them, but he'll only give me certain pieces at a time. Through this experience, I've learned everything happens for a reason. I know everything won't make sense until I go to heaven, but it's fun to try and figure it out along the way.

Virginia Fairchild is the City Editor for The Chart. Her opinions are her own and don't necessarily reflect those of the entire staff.

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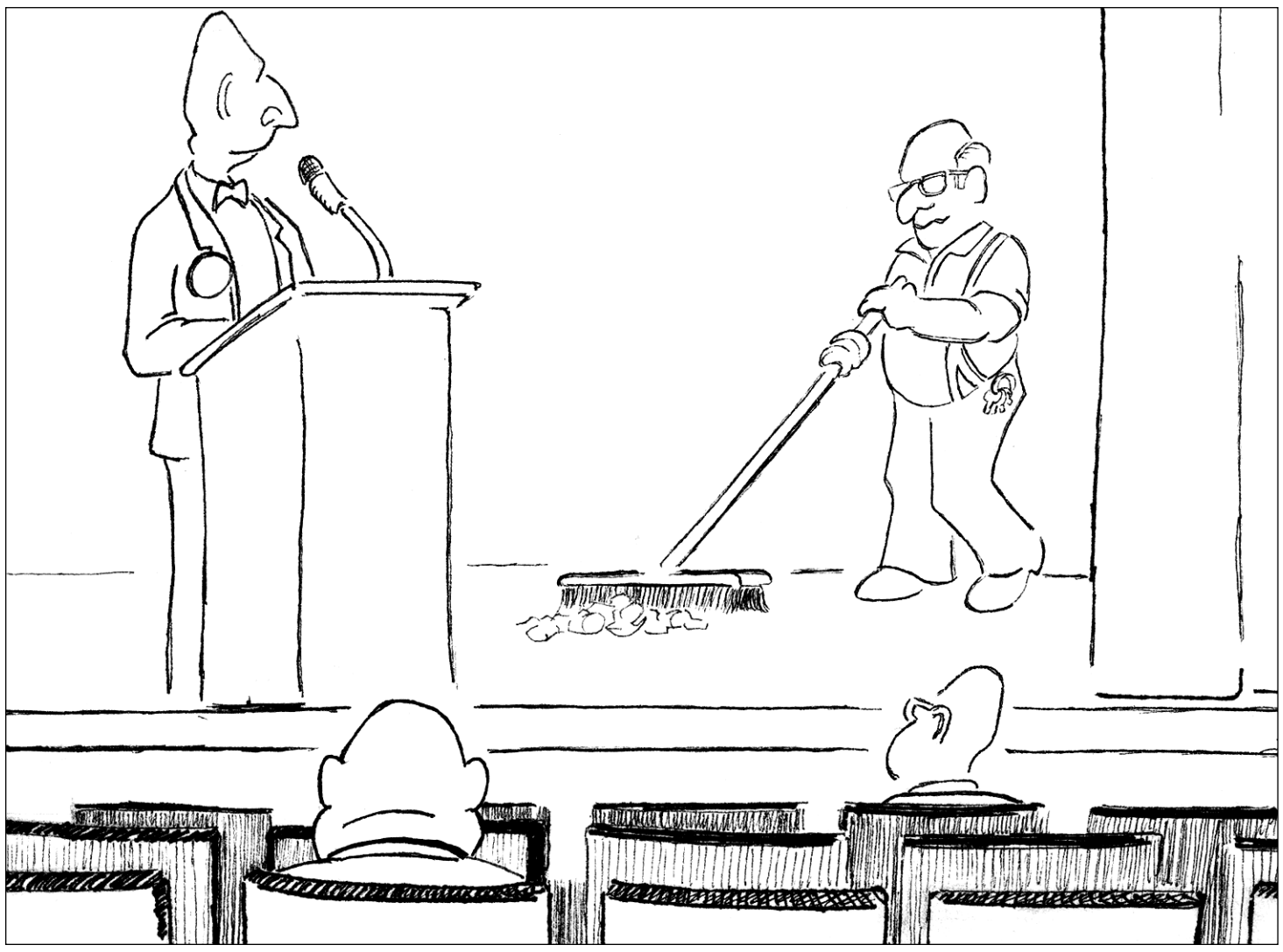


Events offer enriching opportunity

Chart Opinion

Each and every student at Missouri Southern has the opportunity to enrich his or her education through various events offered by the College.

But it seems as though many students are not capitalizing on the opportunity.

Events such as the Gockel Symposium and the India Semester seminars provide essential information about different cultures.

The Scott Ritter lecture, "The Coming War With Iraq: How Did We Get Here?" gave the College, as well as the community, a localized look at a pressing world issue. While some 900 people attended the lecture in Taylor Auditorium, unfortunately, the majority in attendance were not Southern students. Students Advocating Government Awareness kept count of how many students attended and came up with approximately 300.

Ritter said Americans "have to recognize we live in a very dangerous time" and the members of the military will be entering a war of "death and destruction."
Ritter also said everyone has "a duty and responsibility" to learn all they can about this issue. Many of the people fighting for the United States will be the same age as most college students. Southern students, therefore, have an extra responsibility to learn all they can.

Ritter said Americans must leave their "cocoon of comfort" and realize that, as Americans, they are accountable for the nation's fate. After all, this is "a government of the people, by the people, for the people."

All Southern students pay an activity fee each semester to fund events like this lecture sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. Students should take advantage of that payment and make their money worthwhile by attending these events.

More importantly, as college students, all should voluntarily attend to further their education. Events like these are an excellent opportunity.

Campus Voice

Do you attend the lectures at Southern?

"No. Because I live an hour and a half away."

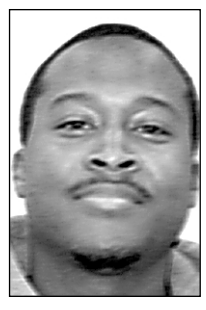
Michelle Boley
Senior
Psychology
Major

"I haven't this semester but have in the past because of time and interest."

Aimee Morey
Sophomore
Environmental
Health and Chemistry
Major

"Usually can't because of work, if so the subject matter would have to be interesting."

Jonathan Holcomb
Senior
Psychology
Major



"I attend because the lectures are interesting and I walk away with a positive feeling."

Jason Givens
Senior
CIS
Major

"No, I never know when they are."

Natalie Koester
Junior
Biology
Major

Letters

Theatre needs to be appreciated

I cannot resist writing in response to Mandi Steele's editorial, "Southern lacks interesting plays."

Although this response may seem predictable coming from an English professor who loves theatre, let me suggest that, from the Greek theatre of Athens onward, a critical function of theatre in any living culture is not only to mirror that culture but to challenge it.

Theatre should always, to some extent, recognize or even affirm our worldview but it fulfills its role best when it questions our familiar perspectives.

We are fortunate that the theater program at Southern has allowed us to experience theater as a critic of culture on many occasions in the last few years. I'm thinking of wonderful productions like *Waiting for Godot*, *Dangerous Liaisons*, *Red Ryder*, *Zoo Story* and, of course, *The Birthday Party*.

If audiences simply want to see reassuring representations of their reality — or what they fantasize as reality — they should stay home and watch sitcoms, docudramas or "reality" TV.

If they want to think and feel deeply, and entertain the disturbing questions that really matter to all of us, they should continue to attend Southern's theater productions.

Dr. Bill Kumbier
Department of English

Theatre department doing its job — that's why editor has opinion

I'm glad that Mandi Steele has an opinion about the shows presented by the theatre department. That means that the artists in the theatre department are doing their job. I don't hold it against her that she doesn't care for some of our shows, including shows that I've been in.

However, I do feel that it's important to present another side to what she has to say.

Yes, some of our productions could be labeled as offensive. I'm sure that many of the theatre's patrons don't care for the use of curse words, or the depictions of sex and violence in some of our productions.

We don't particularly relish portraying them. Sex, violence and other 'bad" behaviors are omnipresent in society. The theatre's job is to entertain and educate people with what they're seeing on stage, and we can't do that effectively if we sugarcoat the truth. There are lots of very bad, nasty things that happen in the world, and if we just ignore them, they won't go away. Miss Steele seems to think that we're actively pursuing productions that are offensive just so we get to say the f-word in front of a bunch of people. We do productions like *Line*, *The Zoo Story*, and *Down the Road* in order to show people the truth of life, and hopefully motivate them to change it.

What kind of college shows this trash? One that's not so scared of what people might think that it will bow to the demands of others and stop being honest.That's the kind of college I want to be a part of.

The part of the editorial that bothers me the most is that Miss Steele has stereotyped the theatre department as being obsessed with subjects like death and serial killers.

This is simply not the case. She's taking two shows she saw last year, throwing them in with shows she hasn't seen, and ignoring everything else. For example, MSSC's theatre department runs two children's shows every year. This provides wonderful acting experience. One month I played a demented lunatic, the next month I was a goofball in a monster suit.

If you think we're dark, depressed people then please come and sit in during one of these kid's shows. You'll see 1,500 area school children laughing, singing along, and sitting on the edge of their seats.

Miss Steele also apparently didn't catch *The Pajama Game* or *Romantic Comedy* either, two adult shows that, as you might be able to tell by the titles, were roughly as offensive as Sunday school, but as entertaining as anything we've ever done.

I invite Miss Steele and anyone else who is interested to come down in December and catch our holiday production of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas.* I hope you won't be too offended.

Joshua Reid
Junior English Major

Tastes From Abroad

Indian cuisine easy to fix

Indian cuisine, a rarity in Joplin, may now be closer than ever before.

As close as your home kitchen, actually.

The Indian Cookbook, by Shehzad Husain, is a thorough guide to Indian cooking styles and techniques. It also includes several helpful features for persons who are not familiar with the ingredients and tools used in Indian cooking.

For example, there is a lengthy section on the ingredients used in the book. From herbs and spices, to fruits and vegetables, the guide covers anything you could think of.

However, one thing to be wary of with Indian food, at least in this part of the country, is finding certain ingredients. Cardamom pods, in particular, can be difficult to find. Along with asafoetida, an extremely rare spice in this part of the country, and saffron, while not difficult to find, runs up to $20 a pop.

Jeff Reid
Executive Editor

One of the best bets is calling a speciality food store to check and see if it happens to have what you need in stock. If it doesn't, many times the store can order it for you. And if a store can't, there's always the Internet.

In fact, many people swear by Internet spice shops. However, one thing to always watch out for when buying online is time.

If you're buying spices online, allow at least a week for delivery, unless, you want to spend a small fortune on overnight shipping.

Also, keep in mind that most Indian food is extremely spicy. The spices can be toned down, but it is important to keep in mind.

Chicken in Coconut Milk (Murgi Malai)

- 1 tablespoon ground almonds
- 1 tablespoon dessicated (dry, unsweetened, shredded) coconut
- 2/3 cup coconut milk
- 2/3 cup ricotta cheese
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground corriander
- 1 teaspoon chilli powder
- 1 teaspoon crushed garlic
- 1-1/2 teaspoons fresh grated ginger
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 lb. chicken breast fillets, skinned and cubed
- 3 cardamom pods
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 dried chilli, crushed
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

1. Dry roast the coconut and almonds in a large, wide pan until they turn slightly darker, then place in a large glass bowl.

2. Add the coconut milk, ricotta, corriander, chilli powder, garlic, ginger and salt. Mix all ingredients together thoroughly.

3. Heat the vegetable oil in the pan and add the chicken, cardamom and bay leaf.

Fry for about 2 minutes to seal the chicken.

4. Pour the coconut mixture into the pan and stir well.

Lower the heat, add the chilli and coriander, then cover and cook for 10-12 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Uncover and cook an additional 2 minutes.

Naan Bread

- 1 teaspoon superfine sugar
- 1 teaspoon yeast
- 2 cups plain (all-purpose) flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 teaspoon ghee, (melted, filtered butter) melted
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon poppy seeds

1. Place the sugar and yeast into a small bowl, along with 2/3 cup of warm water. Mix until the yeast is completely dissolved, and set aside for 10 minutes.

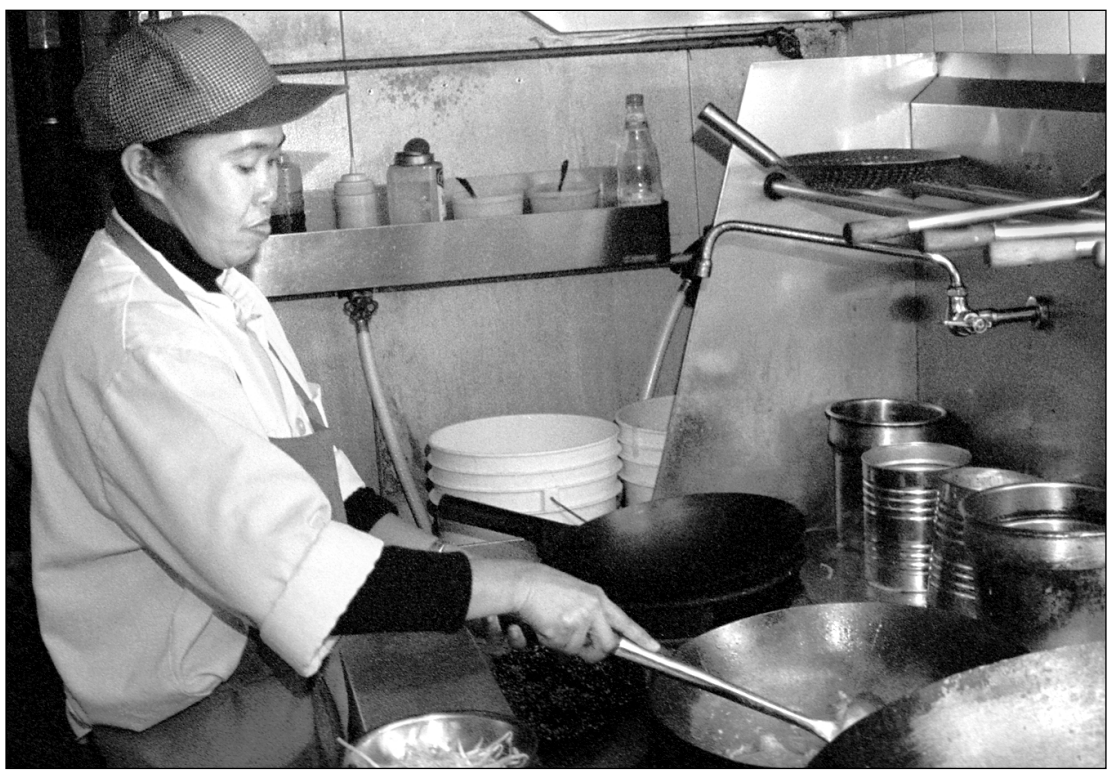
2. Place the flour into a large bowl and form a well in the center of the flour. Add the ghee, salt and yeast mixture. Mix well and add a little more water if necessary.

3. Place the dough onto a floured surface and knead for 5 minutes, or until smooth. Return to the bowl and allow the dough to proof for 1 and 1/2 hours in a warm place.

4. Roll the dough out for about 2 minutes, then roll into 6 rounds, about 5 inches in diameter and 1/2 inch thick.

5. Place the breads onto a sheet of greased foil under a very hot grill or broiler for 7-10 minutes, turning twice, and brushing with melted butter and sprinkling with poppy seeds during cooking and serve immediately.

Only Thai restaurant in Joplin offers many hot, spicy dishes



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Bee Kantaros, cook at Thai Cuisine, fixes some chicken for a popular dish called Phad Thai.

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor

Thai Cuisine offers customers a taste unique to Joplin.

Most of its dishes are spicy and can include chicken, beef, pork or seafood.

Thai Cuisine is located at 2526 E. 7th St. and opened in December 2001.

Owner Paul Kantaros said he moved from Kansas City to Joplin to open his restaurant because there was no other Thai place in town.

"I would like the people in Joplin to try some Thai food," he said.

Many people confuse Thai food with Chinese food, but Kantaros aims to show them how Thai food is completely different.

Some of his most popular dishes are Phad Thai, a mix of chicken, shrimp and noodles, and Khau Soy, a soup with yellow noodles, chicken, dried hot chili and coconut curry.

Joe Labadie, Joplin resident, said he's been to Thai Cuisine three or four times and always tries to find the spiciest dish available.

Labadie's friend, Aaron Phillips, stared at Labadie's plate full of food and said just the smell of it was really powerful.

"It's puckerlicious," Labadie said, referring to the dish in front of him. "It's good."

He said spicy food is great and filling.

"It awakens you; it alerts you," Labadie said.

Getting to know repeat customers is part of the fun of owning a restaurant, Kantaros said.

The sad thing, Kantaros said, is when someone will come in, try one dish, decide they don't like it and never come back.

"They're supposed to come and try something different," he said.

Diners need to try a variety of items until they find what they like, he said.

Kantaros came to the United States 17 years ago from Chiaug Mai, Thailand. He said all his employees are from Thailand, and they started calling him and asking for work when they found out he was opening a Thai restaurant.

There are many selections on the menu.

The items range from $3.95-6.95.

Kantaros said he used to offer more expensive seafood items and rarities.

The dishes didn't sell well, so he changed his menu to cater to the customers.

"I want people to try international food," he said.

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Diversions

Actor Heston supports U.S. Senate candidate

By Jacob W. Brower
Associate Editor

"Moses" made an appearance at the John Q. Hammons Center Oct. 22 in an effort to lead Joplin-area conservatives to the promised land — the voting booth.

Charlton Heston, president of the National Rifle Association and academy-award winning actor, spoke in support of former U.S. Rep. Jim Talent (R-Mo.), a candidate for a U.S. Senate seat currently occupied by Jean Carnahan (D-Mo.) U.S. senators Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) and Conrad Burns (R-Colo.) also spoke at the event.

Heston urged the approximately 400 gathered to vote for Talent, who was officially endorsed by the NRA. Talent, Heston said, is a champion of "law-abiding citizens' right to bear arms."

"I remember when I went to Italy to [film] *Ben Hur*, I worked for a full month with actors so I would know how to drive a chariot," said Heston, who also starred in *The Ten Commandments*, *Soylent Green* and *Any Given Sunday*. "The director said, 'Chuck, you just stay in the chariot — I'm going to make damn sure you win the race.

"That's the position we're in — let's stay in the damn chariot."

Heston, who was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, only spoke for a few minutes.

He said he expects to finish out his current term as NRA president through April.

Talent said, if elected, blocking gun control legislation will be one of his top priorities in the Senate.

"I believe the wealth of a state and community belongs to the people who produce it," said Talent, who has served eight years each in the U.S. and Missouri Houses of Representatives. "I believe in the right of law-abiding adults to bear arms as provided by the Second Amendment. If we outlaw guns, we will empower those who hurt us and disempower those who only wish to protect themselves."

State Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin), who attended the rally, said he believes the event was successful.

"It was a great rally," said Surface, who was elected to the Missouri House in 1984 — the same year as Talent. "I've had the pleasure of knowing Jim for a number of years, and I know we wouldn't be able to pick a better candidate for the job."

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Charlton Heston, actor, spoke at the John Q. Hammons Center in support of former U.S. Rep. Jim Talent (R-Mo.). Talent is running for the U.S. Senate seat that is held by Jean Carnahan (D-Mo.). Heston completes his last term as president of the NRA in April.

Special to The Chart

Better Than Ezra

Concert offers great fun to new Ezralites

It's hard to remain an objective journalist doing a simple concert review after seeing the greatest band ever.

It had been almost four years exactly since I had last seen this group in concert, and that is far too long to go without seeing Travis, Kevin and Tom — collectively known as Better Than Ezra. October 19 provided a chance to view a repeat performance.

Everybody filed into Curly's — which appeared to be nothing more than a warehouse with a bar in Tulsa — and immediately began to crowd around the stage for the opening act, Cowboy Mouth.

In Review

Jeff Reid
Executive Editor

The last time I saw Cowboy Mouth was at a Dare to Care concert in 1996 in Springfield. The only thing I remembered about the group was that it was a slight one-hit wonder, with a single I couldn't even remember.

After the first song, though, I found myself thinking that for a one-hit wonder from six years ago, the band was pretty good.

After a couple more songs, the whole crowd, myself included, was really starting to get into the music, even though none of us (well, maybe a couple) knew any of the band's songs.

Cowboy Mouth played with a passion and energy that is hard to find in new bands today, especially bands that have been around six or seven years.

At one point during the closing song, the lead singer/drummer (a very interesting combination that has to be seen in person to truly appreciate), Fred LeBlanc, had the whole crowd, the WHOLE crowd, squat down on the floor. The fact that everybody in the crowd ducked down was, to me, a sign everyone was really into the band, despite being virtual unknowns.

Anyway, the whole crowd ducked down, and then, when the lights came back up, everybody jumped into the air at the same time, a sight I'm sure looked cool from the stage. Better Than Ezra's Travis joined Cowboy Mouth to perform what was guaranteed to be the first ever cymbal-only solo.

Then the houselights went up, and as the stage techs came out to clear the stage, the entire crowd pushed harder and harder to get to the front of the stage. Better Than Ezra, the complete ensemble, was only minutes away.

Now let me say this right now — I am not the greatest writer in the world, nor will I ever be — so although my description will never truly do justice to the concert, I will try my best.

To begin with, you need to understand what it's like to meet a BTE fan, to be at one of the group's concerts. While it isn't the biggest band in the world, I have no doubt BTE commands the most loyal and dedicated following in the world. Ezralites, a name given to the most dedicated of fans, at any concert will stand in the crowd and sing the word to every song; they will own every CD. Prior to the start of the show, you will hear and see clusters of them in the crowd talking about past BTE concerts, favorite songs, how they almost caught the football that is thrown out during "This Time of Year" or how one of their friends got to go up on stage to play "This Time of Year" with the band.

I've been to many concerts and have never seen a following this loyal.

From the opening note of "Extra Ordinary," BTE had the entire crowd eating out of its hands. The band played all of the singles and all the songs that, to Ezralites, are practically singles, like "Porcelin," "Rewind" and several others. However, the one complaint I have is that the group didn't play anything off of *Artifakt*.

It was great, though, to finally have my friends who had never seen BTE live finally understand why I always speak of the band and its concerts in awed terms. It was incredible to see the way my friends came around to the band and the excited looks on their faces when we left the concert.

The way the band plays to the crowd, the energy it puts into every song — just everything about the way the band plays — is incredible.

BTE can be playing an upbeat song like "Good" and move into a heartbreaker like "A Lifetime." Nothing seems out of place.

Quite honestly, there is nothing like a BTE concert. I've been to many concerts, and they all pale in comparison to seeing Better Than Ezra live.

Indian lecture set to discuss murder, women's concerns

By Josh Ray
Diversions Editor

A famous murder and Indian women will be the topics of two upcoming Indian Semester events.

Dr. Geraldine Forbes, chairperson of the department of history at State University of New York College at Oswego, will be presenting two lectures. The first seminar, "Colonialism in Context: Tarakeswar Murder Case of 1873," will be about how a man murdered his wife because she had an affair with the chief priest in a temple. The man and the priest were both tried. The husband was tried for murder, while the priest was tried for adultery. Both were convicted and put in prison. The incident set off more than 50 plays, numerous newspaper articles and many paintings. It has been called the O.J. Simpson case of 19th century Bengal.

Dr. Geraldine Forbes
History Department
SUNYCO

"It's about tradition, legal system and Indian women," said Dr. Karl Schmidt, associate professor of history and international studies.

The second seminar will be about customs in which women have participated. The event is called "Displacing Manstrocities: Indian Women on Their Own Terms." Forbes said "manstrocities" is a play on words used to describe the horrible customs women have endured over the years. She said the seminar will consist of her comparing how "Westerners" see Indian women and the actual way women are treated.

"What I'm going to do is juxtapose these things side-by-side," Forbes said.

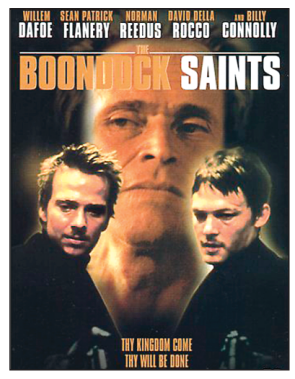
Schmidt played a part in bringing her to Missouri Southern. He said Forbes is knowledgeable in her field and is an interesting speaker.

"She's done a lot of research in this and spent a lot of time in this," Schmidt said. "I thought she was an ideal candidate to come and talk about this. She's a really good speaker."

Each seminar will be followed by a question and answer session. Forbes would like the audience to ask her questions on her topics. She hopes that through her lectures she can change students' ideas and refute some of the stereotypes about Indian culture.

"It's an opportunity to counterbalance what is a part of our general knowledge," Forbes said.

The "Colonialism" seminar will be held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 7 in Webster Hall Auditorium. The "Manstrocities" lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. on the same day. It will also be in Webster Hall Auditorium. Both events are free to the public.



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Pro Musica schedules famous opera

BY JOSH RAY
Diversions Editor

Special to The Chart

Gerard Powers, Lester Lynch (standing), Marcus DeLoach, Terry Hodges and Kyle Ketelson perform in the 2001 showing of La Boheme. The opera opens at the College Nov. 1.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is time for the opera.

The Opera Theatre of St. Louis will be coming to Missouri Southern to perform *La Boheme* by Giacomo Puccini. The name means "The Bohemian Girl." Pro Musica, a local classical music presenter, will be bringing the opera to Joplin. Cynthia Schwab, executive director of Pro Musica, is having the opera performed at Southern because Taylor Auditorium is the "best facility to present" the show.

"Pro Musica and Missouri Southern have had a very good working relationship for 15 years," Schwab said.

The opera will be performed in English so the audience can understand it better. Allison Felter, director of education at the Opera Theatre of St. Louis, said the show was originally written in a different language, but the group translated it. She said the show was written by one of the most famous opera writers of all time.

The plot centers around two poverty-stricken Bohemians and their love interests. The opera follows the four of them through the hardships they must endure as friends and lovers. It takes place in late 19th century Paris and is described as "one of the most successful operas ever written." The script has been abridged for touring purposes.

As well as putting on the performance, the group will also be be teaching a master class for students interested in auditioning. Felter described the group's touring and class as a "function of our education department."

"Their outreach is not just performance," said Dr. Susan Smith, associate professor of music. "They're apprentice people. They give that younger singer a chance."

The class will consist of two singers and the music director of the opera performing for the students in attendance. They will also discuss professional singing careers, auditioning, graduate schools and apprentice programs. Then the group will coach six Southern voice majors.

"These students were picked by me to represent a broad spectrum," Smith said.

The last time the company brought an opera to Joplin was three years ago. Schwab said approximately 700 people attended. She is expecting a good turnout for this one as well.

The class will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1 in Webster Hall Auditorium. It is free to anyone interested in attending. *La Boheme* will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1 in Taylor Auditorium. Cost is $10. Tickets can be purchased in the Billingsly Student Center ticket office.

Schwab urges everyone who has never seen an opera to "come and see and hear."

THE BEAT GOES ON

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Landon Fry, sophomore English major, stands in the front of the bass drum line during practice for the marching band Oct. 23. The band will perform next in the Homecoming Parade.

Saints gives 108 minutes of complete excitement

They're brothers. They're saints. They're killers.

They're *The Boondock Saints*. But before I give you the rundown of the movie, let me tell you first how I happened to come across it.

It was forced upon me. It's one of those low-budget movies by an independent filmmaker. You know, the movies that never make it to the big screen and sit on the shelf of a movie store untouched for years. I had never heard of this movie. But I have a friend who decided I should watch it sometime. And she basically forced me to. Of course, she guaranteed I would like it, but I had serious doubts.

Well, it was a surprise. The movie turned out to be exceptionally awesome. While the company that made it isn't well known, the actors are far from no names. With Willem Dafoe, Sean Patrick Flanery and Norman Reedus starring in this video, not a single of the 108 minutes is a waste of time.

The movie is basically about two brothers who live in an Irish neighborhood in Boston. When the Russian mob comes in to take over, the brothers realize they have a knack for killing people and getting away with it. So, why not keep doing it? They begin making hits on the low-life criminals residing around the city, and they do it all in the name of God. How sweet.

It's an edge-of-the seat movie all the way through. You never know what to expect. The movie is set up as a drama, but has just enough comical elements to lighten the load but not make it cheesy. Just the same, unlike a lot of independent movies, and some major companies, too, the cinematography of the movie is excellent. It won't create a headache or make watchers go puking over the side of the couch (unless they're really sensitive when it comes to the site of blood).

In Review

JOSH RAY
Diversions Editor

It might not be a movie for all the ages, though. *The Boondock Saints* is definitely a college-age movie. Granted, guys, it isn't really one to rent for you and your girlfriend, but it is definitely one everyone should see.

Go rent it. It's a movie worth the time to see. It basically has something in it for everybody. Looking for a religious movie, this could be it. The whole thing is basically centered around religion. Looking for a comedy, this has that, too. And if looking for an awesome movie with everything in it, grab this movie and take it home.

If looking for a stupid movie that doesn't make sense and is boring, don't rent this one. Go rent *Queen of the Damned* or something like that.

Campus board finishes Homecoming plans

BY JACOB WEST
Staff Writer

Chances for all to participate in some school spirit will take place during Homecoming week, Oct. 28-Nov. 2, which topped the discussion at the Campus Activities Board meeting Oct. 21.

There have been fliers put up to announce all of the planned activities, and there are plenty of events catering to almost everyone.

The schedule of events includes: "picture this" novelty from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Monday; a game show, "Think Fast" from 12:15-2 p.m. on Tuesday; and a make-your-own music video from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday. All these events will take place on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

From 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, a family skate night/Halloween costume contest is set for the Webb City skating rink. Participants are encouraged to dress up in their favorite costume.

Several events are planned for Friday, Nov. 1, including an all-campus picnic from 10:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and laser tag from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the campus oval.

There will be two movies showing in Leggett & Platt Athletic Center from 7-11 p.m.: *Spiderman* and *Triple X*.

To end the week, there will be the Homecoming parade at 11:30 a.m. and football game at 2 p.m. with Missouri Southern facing Missouri Western on Saturday, Nov. 2. At the game, the king and queen royalty will be announced from participating organizations, and the CAB has nominated Kristopher Knight, sophomore marketing major, and Michelle Boley, senior psychology major.

In other business, concert committee chair David Kenny announced his resignation from the CAB.

Kenny is a full-time student at Southwest Missouri State University and wants to devote more time to his classes there.

Kenny said he would still be willing to help the CAB with any concert needs, but would not be able to attend meetings.

Committee reports were discussed. Sabrina Tyndall, family events committee chair, announced the fliers for the skate night were made and ready to be put up.

Tyndall also said she would be leaving the CAB starting in the spring, and that Lyndse Bergen, sophomore special education major, would take her place. Bergen has been working alongside Tyndall to learn her responsibilities better.

A suggestion to get T-shirts made for CAB members was made, and design ideas are recommended. Boley said she would help with the design, and input from other members is encouraged.

The next meeting is at noon Monday in the BSC, Room 310.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Josh Ray at 625-9311.

25
Jackass: the movie, Ghost Ship and *The Truth About Charlie* open at Joplin's Northstar 14 Theater.

Lions volleyball play @ 7 p.m. at Washburn.

26
Lions football plays @ 2 p.m. at Central Missouri State.

Lions cross country compete in the MIAA Cross Country Championships at home.

Lions volleyball plays @ 11 a.m. at Emporia State.

Lady Lions soccer plays @ noon at Truman.

The NAACP Banquet will be held from 6-8 p.m. in BSC Connor Ballroom.

28
The CAB Novelty will be held on the Oval for Homecoming Week.

The International Club will host Bingo Night from 6-9 p.m. in the Billingsly Ballroom.

29
Homecoming Week campus displays will be judged.

The "Think Fast" Game will be held on the Oval.

A talent show will be held @ 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium.

Lady Lions soccer will play @ 6 p.m. vs Central Missouri at home.

30
The CAB Novelty will be held on the Oval for Homecoming Week.

Casino Night will be held on the second floor of Billingsly.

Men's soccer will play 7 p.m. vs Rockhurst at home.

31
It's Halloween! Time to go trick-or-treating!

SAFE Halloween will be held in the residence halls.

Weekend Happenings:

Kitchen Pass::
Friday: Chubby Carrier & the Zydeco Swamp Band 9:30 p.m.
Saturday: Happy Hour 4-9 p.m.

The Green Room::
Friday: Defending the Addiction
Dramon 10 p.m.
Saturday: Push Factor
One Track Mind 10 p.m.

Fusion::
Friday: Happy Hour 5:30-8 p.m.
Saturday: Halloween Party
Costume Contest
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Happy Hour 6-10 p.m.

Useless Information

Certain frogs can be frozen solid, then thawed and continue living (so let's all go freeze some frogs!).

When a giraffe is born, it has to fall around six feet to the ground (bombs away).

One of the largest carriers of hepatitis B is dinner mints (kind of takes the fun out of weddings, doesn't it?).

Five Jell-O flavors have flopped: celery, coffee, cola, apple and chocolate (no celery flavored Jell-O? that bites).

Queen Victoria eased the discomfort of her menstrual cramps by having her doctor supply her with marijuana (I wonder if that works on big headaches... hmmm...).

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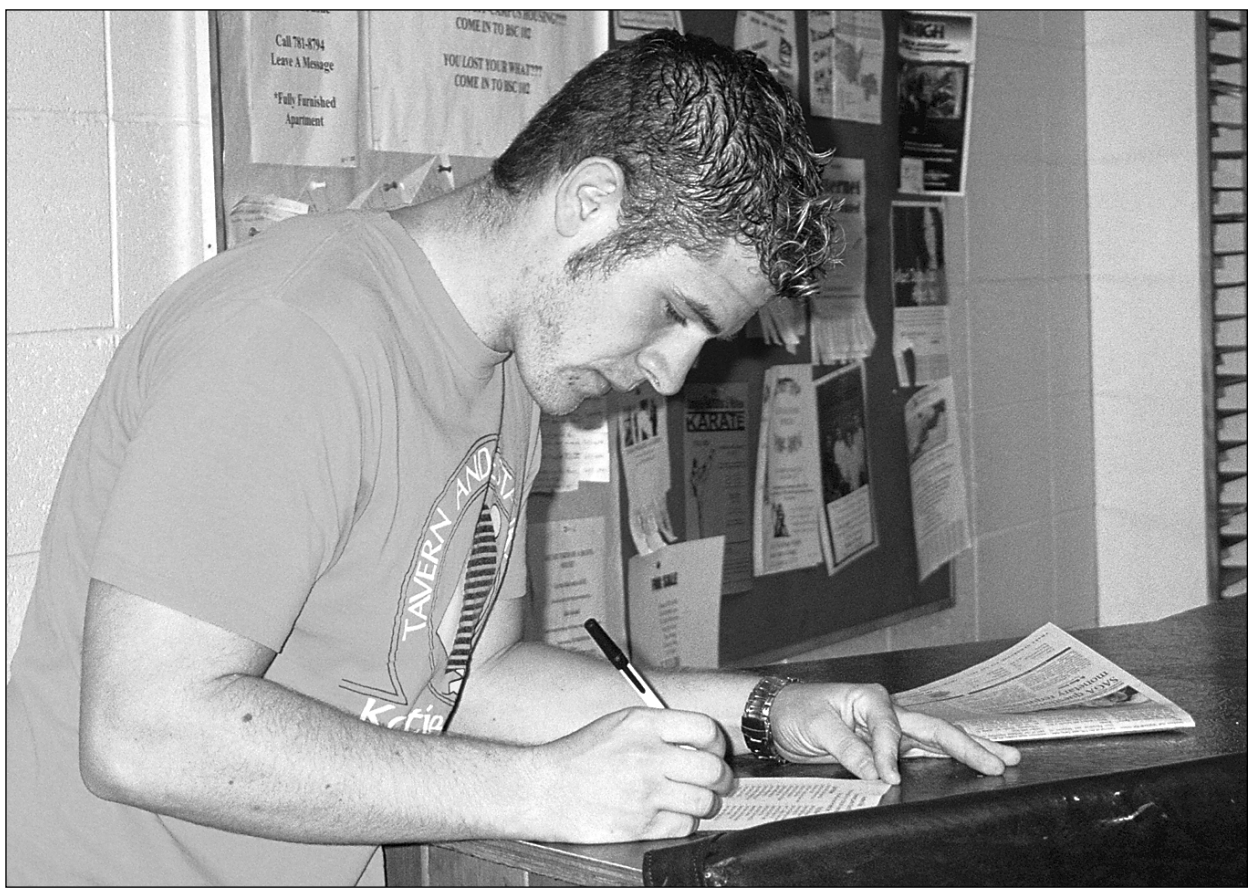

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Tully Lale, sophomore mass communications major, places his vote for Homecoming royalty Oct. 22. Elections took place Oct. 22-23, and the Homecoming winners will be announced at the football game Nov. 2.

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Residence Hall Association will also sponsor Casino Night from 7-10 p.m. in the Lions' Den. Sabrina Tyndall, junior general arts major, and the CAB will also sponsor the MSSC Family Skate Night from 7-9 p.m. at Webb City Skate Land. Students should bring their student identification to enter. Treat bags will be available for children.

"This is targeted at families, but any student can get in," Blackford said.

Thursday, the RHA will host Safe Halloween from 6-8 p.m. in the residence halls.

Student Activities and the CAB will host the all-campus picnic from 10:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Thursday, featuring food and laser tag. A pep rally and the presentation of Homecoming royalty takes place at noon on the campus oval.

"This is a bigger deal than the first-week picnic," Blackford said.

The Alumni Awards reception, sponsored by the school of business and the Alumni Association, occurs at 6 p.m. at the Joplin Ramada Inn.

The dinner takes place at 7 p.m. The cost is $15, and business attire is required.

Student Activities, the CAB and Campus Recreation will also sponsor a movie night from 7-11 p.m. in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

Spider-Man will be shown first, followed by *Triple X*.

Concessions will be sold, and all proceeds will go to the United Way.

Homecoming day begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 with the Alumni Hall of Fame Brunch in Billingsly's Connor Ballroom. The cost is $7.50 per person.

The Homecoming parade begins at 11:30 a.m. The football game versus Missouri Western begins at 2 p.m.

Blackford said the College is following the basic plan for Homecoming as in years past.

"Hopefully, we can try some new things next year," she said.

"We're always open to suggestions. The CAB is always looking for new ideas." Price said she thinks Southern does not do enough to promote Homecoming and the week's activities.

"There's not very much school spirit at all," she said. "They need to find ways to get more people involved."

Blackford said Homecoming is what the students make of it.

"We really want students to participate," she said. "Homecoming is for them."

Health professions cater to high schools

BY NATE BILLINGS
Staff Writer

Area high school students will be given the opportunity to explore Missouri Southern's Heath Care Professions Friday, Nov. 1.

Health Care Professions Day will include videos and presentations by faculty members involved in nursing, dental and other health professions provided by Southern.

Students who are enrolled in the programs will also give their views and experiences during the day. The event will be the second time the College has had a health professions day.

"The day gives students and parents a chance to see the profession they like," said Dr. Barbara Box, director of the department of nursing.

Box said there is a shortage of health care professionals.

She said many people ask the students why they have gone through the courses after the students describe what is involved in the health care majors.

She said 41 freshmen were nursing majors at Fresh Start.

The event is designed for any high school student interested in Southern or health care.

"It's giving those students a chance to showcase the campus," said Mark Lloyd, coordinator of the event.

Lloyd said the event will give high school students a chance they might not otherwise have to see and experience campus life.

"One of the great things about it is that the faculty does it," Lloyd said.

He said the deans and heads of departments will do presentations and a few alumni of the health programs will come and speak as well.

The day will begin around 12:30 p.m. College President Julio León will talk to the students at the beginning of the presentations.

The students will break into groups and be taken to different sessions about the different health departments.

At the end of the day, the students will take a tour of the campus.

Last year, around 100 students attended. This year around 50 are expected.

"We'd like, of course, to have more students come," Lloyd said.

He also said even if the students are only slightly interested in health care, the day will let them see if Southern "fits" them.

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Joshua Hagberg, senior elementary education major who also had a tire slashed on his Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

"And it did get me up at 3 in the morning. It was an inconvenience for me this week having to get around," he said.

The other vehicles vandalized belonged to students Moses Manga, Matthew Schell and visitor Joshua Nickels

Magee said the suspects appeared to be between the ages of 17 and 19 and were of average height and weight.

"It's impossible to say if they were students or not," said Ken Kennedy, manager of safety and security. "We don't know actually who they are."

He said that the Joplin Police Department believes this incident may be linked with similar "property damage incidents" that recently occurred in Webb City.

The investigation for this incident is being conducted by the JPD.

"It was an inconvenience for me this week having to get around."

Joshua Hagberg
Senior Elementary Education Major

RITTER:

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more actively involved, they will have a greater say in who represents us and that's the key, to be involved, vote, learn the issues."

Ritter's words did not fall on deaf ears. After the Monday night lecture, Aaron Divine, sophomore, secondary education major, was on Ritter's side.

"When he said, 'Ah, Mr. President I have a question,' he had me on his side," Divine said. "Anyone who would openly say to question those in charge and keep those in power in check has my endorsement. We as a nation have to ensure our that we maintain our rights. Even if they are not in popular opinion."

Ritter does not classify himself as anti-Bush, but believes an un-American ideology is being promoted.

"What scares me about this war on terrorism and the Homeland Security Bill is that we seem to be all too willing to give up our rights, and we can't give up our rights. We can't give up any rights, because as soon as we do that the terrorists win."

Americans have to remember what makes this country different from the rest of the world.

"I tell everyone I'd give my life for someone's right to burn the American flag," Ritter said. "That's what I'm doing when you go to war for the constitution. You're giving your life for someone's right to burn the American flag. Now that guy and I might meet in the back alley of a bar afterward and I'd give him my personal opinion of what he's doing. But still as an American I have to defend his right to express himself in that way. I have to defend everyone's right to freedom of speech. Everybody's constitutional liberties. That's what makes this country great.

"The people who are willing to give up their rights are white people who live in a fairly safe part of the country who take these rights for granted anyway. You won't find any black Americans willing to give up their rights —no way—those rights are too damned precious because they didn't have them for a long time."

The CAB spent $5,000 to bring Ritter to campus.

That's a good price for a speaker of this magnitude, said Jeremy Sturgell, interim president and lectures chair for the CAB.

"He is such a timely figure to have speak, we just couldn't pass that up," Sturgell said.

Ritter is a ballistic missile technology expert who worked with military intelligence during a 12-year career in the U.S. armed forces.

A former major in the U.S. Marines, he served under Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf at Marine Central Command headquarters in Saudi Arabia. In 1991, Ritter joined the United Nations weapons inspections team.

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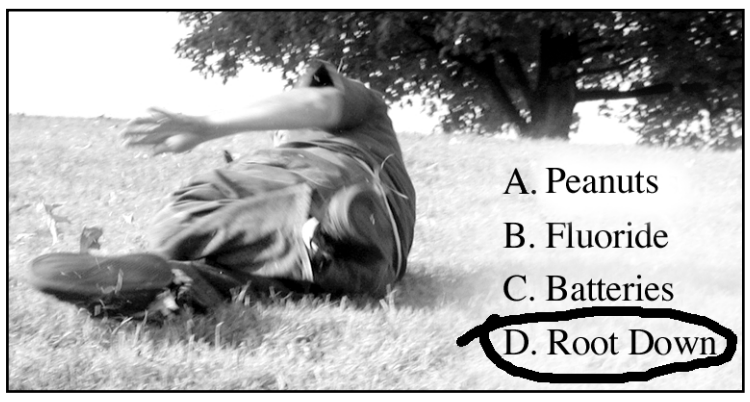

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Store brings convenience to area

BY KIMBERLY FEATHER
Staff Writer

Throughout time, businesses come and go, but for the Quick Serve Convenience Store this is not the case.

In August 2002, the Samee's, a convenience store located on the corner of Newman Road and Goetz Boulevard, closed its doors to the public.

The previous owners sold the store to John Dang, an individual not new to owning a business in the Joplin area.

Dang and his wife recently purchased the store and are changing everything. They are changing the inside of the store from the floor plan to the decor and the variety of goods that will be sold.

"If there is something that you want and we do not have it, let us know and we will be happy to get it for you," said Judy Grissom, store manager.

She worked at the convenience store when it was open under the previous owners.

"We are glad to be back," Grissom said.

Dang is also the owner of the Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant located on Range Line Road.

A Golden Dragon Express is located inside the store, offering much of the same foods served at the restaurant.

Dang and his wife decided to buy the store because it was a great location for business since it was close to Southern. They also do not live far away from the business.

Southern students were not affected much by the closing of the convenience store.

"There are a ton of gas stations that are located in Joplin, so when this one closed it really did not bother me," said Brandon Cline, sophomore prelaw major. "It is kind of nice that it is so close to the school. It makes it a lot easier to go to in between classes."

Other students were shocked when they heard the news the station had closed down.

"I didn't really understand why it closed down, with it being so close to the College," said Wade Utter, sophomore business administration major.

"I would think that it would have plenty of business. I went there all the time. I'm glad that it reopened," he said.

Jessica Firor/The Chart

Rachel McAuliff, freshman accounting major, works at the Quick Serve Convenience Store on Newman Road.

Members of SIFE volunteer at elementary schools

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

Several students are making a TREK to help five Joplin-area elementary schools.

The Missouri Southern organization, Students In Free Enterprise, is volunteering for the Teaching Reading to Every Kid program to help third and fourth graders at Emerson Elementary, Irving Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, McKinley Elementary and West Central Elementary. Third graders receive assistance in reading, while fourth graders learn math.

Brad Conley, junior general business major and SIFE president, said it was not difficult to get SIFE members to volunteer for the program.

"There are a number of people on the SIFE team who really care for children," Conley said.

Jim Gray, faculty adviser for SIFE, said the volunteers have been trustworthy throughout the program.

"I'm very, very proud of their willingness to take the responsibility," Gray said.

TREK began last year when some elementary schools were in danger of losing their accreditation due to low state test scores. The Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce decided to step in and prevent this from happening. Melinda Bayless, Chamber education manager, became the creator and coordinator of the program.

In 2001-2002, 100 people volunteered to be coaches for TREK. The program won the Phi Delta Kappa education award for southwest Missouri.

This year, 204 people have volunteered as coaches. The program has already been nominated for the Southwest Missouri Center for Educational Excellence Program of the Year.

The Missouri State Chamber of Commerce also published this program in its resource book.

Gray said TREK is being modeled across the state, and to some extent, across the nation. He also said faculty members at the elementary have responded positively to TREK.

Bayless believes TREK is working because the community has placed trust in the program. She said she is "thrilled with the community response."

"There were questions, but it was so successful last year, that's why it was so easy to recruit this year," she said. "Kudos to the community."

SIFE volunteers coach from 3:10-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday at their assigned schools. Each volunteer works one-on-one with the same child each week. The coaches and students completed their fifth week in TREK. The program began Sept. 16 and will continue until March 13, 2003.

Conley said initially, the children's reactions varied about their coaches, but now they always look forward to the after-school meetings.

"So far the program is going really well," he said. "The students are really warming up to their coaches."

Gray said he expects the relationships between the students and coaches to continually improve.

"I look for these young people to get very close," he said. "It is beneficial to the college student and the grade schooler."

"The kids are forming real bonds," Bayless said.

Southern SIFE students participating in TREK include Beverly Kluthe, Mike Davis, Josh Doak, Conley, Lora St. John, Josh Estep, Elias Bichara, Erica Johnson, Heather Hilton, Sara Higginbotham, Carter Leffen and Brande Davis.

Each elementary school decides which students qualify for TREK, based on test scores. Each child was given a TREK pretest and will be given a midterm and a post test at the end of the program. Bayless said the students have already shown dramatic improvement.

"The by-products of this program are attendance has improved," she said. "And the test scores validate the program because they have improved so much."

Those interested in joining the TREK program may contact Bayless by phone at 624-4303 or by e-mail at msbayless@joplincc.com.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Academy hosts festival to amuse area families

La Petite Academy is hosting a Fall Fun Festival Carnival from 7-9 p.m. Friday at the Academy, located at 2002 E. 32nd St.

The event will offer food, fun and games for the entire family, and the public is invited to attend. Games are one ticket each; tickets cost 25 cents a piece or 25 tickets for $5.

Prizes will be given, and children are invited to come in Halloween attire.

All the proceeds benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

For information, persons may contact 781-3554.

Low blood inventories bring drive to Joplin

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks has issued a "Code Yellow Alert" due to the low inventories of O negative blood type.

To replenish supplies, the CBCO is hosting a blood drive from 10 a.m.-1 p.m Friday at Employer Advantage, located at 1230 E. 7th St.

CBCO supplies blood to 36 area hospitals. For information on drives in the Joplin area, persons may call 626-8323 or 866-401-5143.

Local chapter invites public to annual meal

The Joplin Chapter of the NAACP annual Freedom Fund Banquet will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Billingsly Student Center.

The theme will be "Together As One."

Tickets are $15 apiece and can be obtained by contacting Ruthie Cox, chapter president, at 623-0270 or Jim West, vice president, at 782-0055. Tickets will also be available at the door. The public is invited to attend.

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VanDeusen shares duties as coach, dad

Coach focuses on graduating players, academic standards

BY ERIC SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

Between coaching soccer and being a father, life can get hectic for Geoff VanDeusen, head coach of Missouri Southern's men's and women's soccer teams.

VanDeusen took over as head coach in 1999. In his three years at Southern, VanDeusen has led the men to a 23-26 record, with a 5-6-1 this year.

After guiding the Lady Lions to a 1-16-1 record in their first year of intercollegiate action in 1999, VanDeusen guided them to a 5-11 record en route to earning co-MIAA Coach of the Year honors.

The Lady Lions are currently 9-2-1 on the season and are in second place in the MIAA.

"I have to do a lot of creative scheduling with my time," VanDeusen said.

"I try to be well prepared and do things far in advance."

He said not only is he busy during the season, but also in the off season.

"My job as the soccer coach is never ending," VanDeusen said. "I'm always busy with recruiting and our off season weightlifting program."

VanDeusen said recruiting never ends, and it "picks up more in the off season." He said the off season training starts in February with the weightlifting program, and it lasts through the spring break. After the lifting program is over, the team starts to practice and play spring games.

In addition to being the men's and women's soccer coach, he is also the NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Nations committee chair and regional director for the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

VanDeusen mentioned his assistant coaches David Stroud and Jeff Hansen as being "a big help."

He said Stroud is labeled as part time, but he puts in full-time hours.

VanDeusen said Hansen, a fifth year senior, not only puts in full-time hours but also has a full class load.

VanDeusen credits his wife for helping him out "a great deal." He said she's been "fantastic with taking care of the kids." VanDeusen's two children are Geoffrey III, 4, and Anna, who is 8 months old.

"I try to spend all of my time with my kids when I'm at home," he said. "Unfortunately, I don't get to spend as much time with them as I want to during the season, so I try to put them first when I'm home."

VanDeusen said Geoffrey likes to hang around the teams, and that gives the coach a chance to spend more time with his son.

"I think Coach does an excellent job of making the transition between men's and women's soccer," said Amber Phipps, junior midfielder. "I also think he does a great job of handling all of his duties."

VanDeusen said his biggest reason for coaching is that he enjoys it when the point he is making "clicks in the player's head, and they become better for doing it." He also wants to have his athletes graduate within four to five years.

The men's and women's soccer teams at Southern both have cumulative grade-point averages of 3.2, and the men's team has the highest GPA of any men's team at Southern.

"He's a fun coach to play for," said Alicia Givens, sophomore defender. "He's always there for us when we need him."

VanDeusen said he thinks "coaching is a fantastic profession."

"There are a lot of rewards in coaching," VanDeusen said, "but you have to make a lot of sacrifices because it is a service position.

"I try to treat my players as kids of my own. Actually, I am their parent away from home."

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Head soccer coach Geoff VanDeusen looks on as the men's team plays, Oct. 22. VanDeusen adjusts his schedule to accommodate his duties as Southern's men's and women's coach.

SOUTHERN SCORES

Women's Soccer

Oct. 17
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MSSC	3	0	0	0—	3
ESU	1	2	0	0—	3

Shots: 1, MSSC, Munnelly, 32:31. 2, MSSC, Munnelly, 34:11. 3, MSSC, Sneed, 35:57. 4, ESU, Weege, 39:24. 5, ESU, Hearrell, 54:09. 6, ESU, Weege, 84:48.

Oct. 23
at Maryville

	1	2	Tot
MSSC	2	0–	2
NWMSU	0	0–	0

Shots: 1, MSSC, Munnelly, 19:13. 2, Phipps, 31:15.

Soccer

Oct. 18
Home

	1	2	Tot
MSSC	0	1–	1
MSU	0	2–	2

Shots: 1, MSU, Gallagher, 58:45. 2, MSSC, Hill, 75:18. 3, MSU, Hill, 76:08.

Oct. 22
Home

	1	2	Tot
MSSC	2	3–	5
JBU	0	1–	1

Shots: 1, MSSC, Silva, 18:59. 2, MSSC, Silva, 25:14. 3, MSSC, Juett, 47:38. 4, JBU, Garrett, 68:42. 5, MSSC, O'Donnell, 83:24. 6, MSSC, Juett, 86:57.

Volleyball

Oct. 19

MSSC	21	27	22
CMSU	30	30	30

Football

Oct. 19
Home

	1	2	3	4	Tot
MSSC	0	14	0	0	14
TSU	6	0	8	14	28

First Quarter

TSU—Burk 4 run (Lepper kick), 10:45.

Second Quarter

MSSC—Proctor 22 pass from Chapman (Minard kick), 12:44. MSSC—Glover 80 run (Minard kick).

Third Quarter

TSU—Bodenhausen 12 pass from Burk (Pugh pass), 6:56.

Fourth Quarter

TSU—Burk 8 run (Lepper kick), 13:18. TSU—Burk 1 run (Lepper kick), 8:07.

Lions 'fight like crazy' to defeat Golden Eagles, 5-1

BY ERIC SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

Lions soccer has a new goal this season: win the rest of its games.

"We want to put some more 'Ws' on the board," said Geoff VanDeusen, head coach.

"We'd like to win the rest of our games, and we believe that is very possible."

In its game Oct. 18 against Midwestern State University, Southern lost 2-1 to an undefeated MSU squad ranked 10th in the nation going into the game.

Midwestern scored the first goal at 58:45 of the first half, but the Lions came back with a goal by freshman midfielder Patrick Hill.

The game was tied 1-1 until MSU scored on a penalty kick. Junior goalkeeper Cesar Vazquez had 9 saves on 26 shots by Midwestern State.

"I think we're a goal score away from being a good contender," VanDeusen said.

"We need someone to step up and score for us. We need to fight like crazy to win."

VanDeusen said the team has been difficult to score against in the past few games.

"We're working on finishing and playing quickly," he said.

"We've got to clean up a few things on our attack, but I think the guys are optimistic about our future."

After the loss to MSU, Southern bounced back with a 5-1 win over NAIA school John Brown University Oct. 22. Southern scored three straight goals at 18:59, 25:14 and 47:38 in the first half. JBU would not answer with a goal until 68:32 in the second half, which brought the score to 3-1.

The Lions scored two more goals at 83:24 and 86:57 in the second half to seal the victory.

Sophomore midfielder Lucas Silva had two goals and an assist.

Vazquez added eight saves in the game.

Southern's win brings its record to 5-6-1.

"We controlled the game with our passing," Silva said. "If we keep playing with this kind of intensity, we'll keep winning games."

VanDeusen said the win "gives the guys confidence" and it "keeps them focused on their goal of winning the rest of their games."

Southern's next game will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bodon Field against Rockhurst University.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

J.P. West, freshman midfielder, sets up to pass to a teammate during the Lions 5-1 win over John Brown University, Oct. 22. The team's record stands at 5-6-1.

Lady Lions prepare for showdown with Bulldogs

T.J. Gerlach/The Chart

Sophomore forward/midfielder Kaysie Griffin battles an Emporia State player for control of the ball.

BY ERIC SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

Lady Lions soccer has an important week with games against Northwest Missouri State University and Truman State University.

"We're going after the conference title," VanDeusen said.

"To do that, we need to win the rest of our games."

VanDeusen said the team's game plan against the Bearcats is to constantly press them defensively, and on offense, to possess the ball and score early goals.

He said the Bearcats are "dangerous because they are an unpredictable team."

"We must win against Northwest Missouri," VanDeusen said.

"If we don't win, the game against Truman will mean nothing."

In order to win the rest of its games, VanDeusen said they need to "play with the lead better."

"I think we've been supporting each other well on the field," said Libby Negus, freshman defender.

"We don't get down on each other when the other team scores a goal."

Southern's game against Emporia State University on Oct. 17 started off with three straight Lady Lions goals coming at 32:31, 34:11 and 35:57 in the first half.

ESU came back and scored three unanswered goals at 39:24 of the first half, then at 54:09 and 84:48 of the second half. After going scoreless in two overtimes, the game ended in a 3-3 tie. Sophomore midfielder Ashley Munnelly had two goals, and sophomore midfielder Sarah Sneed added another goal.

"We can't relax when we get the lead," VanDeusen said.

"I also think I need to do a better job as a coach with the mental parts."

VanDeusen said the team has been "putting the ball in the net," but it needs to do a better job of defending.

Negus said the players can't get ahead of themselves and need to take it one game at a time.

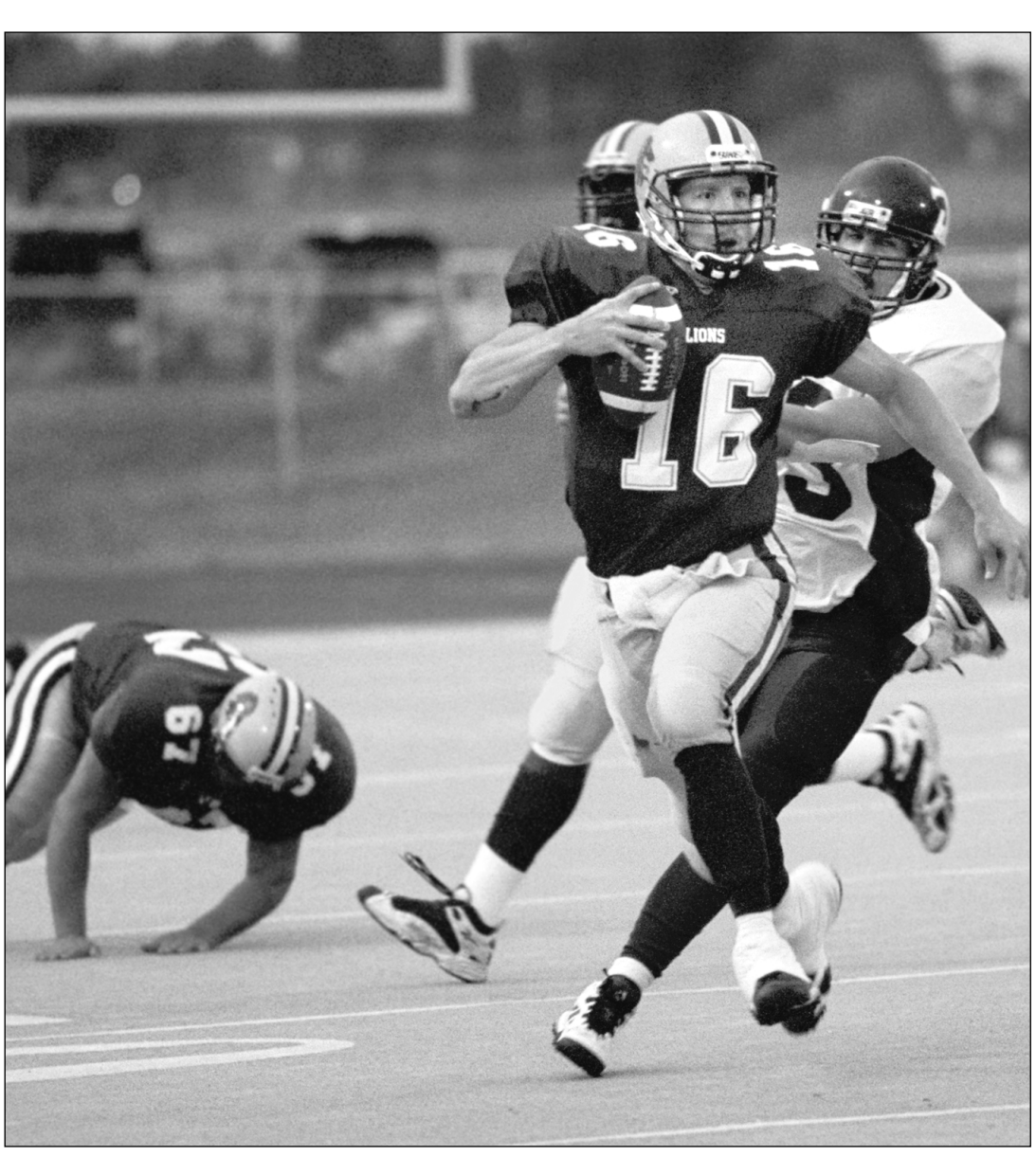
"We need to know we can be beaten," she said. "We have to remember every game is the most important game of the season."

In its game on Oct. 23, Munnelly scored the first goal at 19:13 in the first half, and sophomore midfielder Amber Phipps added another goal at 31:15 in the first half as the Lady Lions defeated Northwest Missouri State 2-0.

Southern's win sets up a showdown with Truman State that might go a long way in determining the MIAA champion. Each team is undefeated in conference play. The game is at noon Saturday at TSU.

"If we can win the conference," VanDeusen said, "it will put us in good position for an NCAA [Division II] playoff berth."

Bulldogs bully Lions



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Josh Chapman, senior quarterback, scrambles from the Truman State defenders during the second quarter of the Oct. 19 game at home. The Bulldogs defeated Missouri Southern 28-14.

Southern prepares for repeat of 2001's upset victory over Central Missouri State Mules

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

In a football game that seemed like a "chess match," the Bulldogs of Truman State checkmated the Lions in a 28-14 win Oct. 19.

Rob Green, offensive coordinator, said during the second half there were several physical mistakes. Two of the starting offensive tackles were injured and couldn't play, and there were a number of dropped passes. Josh Chapman, senior quarterback, had 35 pass attempts with only 19 completions and one for a touchdown.

"We drill catching the ball all the time, that's what's so disappointing," Green said. "It's one of those things that's more disappointing for the players than for me."

Cooke said with any football game comes other factors, like the weather, the officials or the "A.J. Dewey's" that show up.

"Years ago there was a guy named A.J. Dewey who played for the Miami Dolphins," Cooke said. "I think he ended up having three sacks, three interceptions. People show up and have uncommon performances. We have an ace-in-the-hole with Josh Chapman."

Cooke said if Chapman plays well, then the whole team will be playing on all cylinders. Green said in the upcoming game, Chapman will be as close to 100 percent as he has been since the Miner's Bowl.

Cooke said during practice Oct. 22, Chapman was closer to shifting into the second gear.

The upcoming game will be a rematch after Southern's surprise 35-13 upset against Central Missouri in 2001, which knocked the Mules out of the running for the playoffs that year.

In the series against CMSU that started in 1973, Southern holds a 13-8-2 record. Cooke is 1-1 against CMSU, while CMSU's head football coach, Willie Fritz, is 4-1 against Southern.

Cooke said this year CMSU will be prepared for the Lions and won't be caught off guard. Saturday's game will be CMSU's homecoming game.

"It's kind of tradition usually for a team to schedule an opponent that they think they can take advantage of on homecoming," said Mark Smith, assistant football coach. "Our players are aware of that. There are a lot of distractions when it comes to homecoming time. Hopefully, our guys will bear down this week, really focus in and come out with an upset."

Smith said the Mules will be "shooting off their cannons and having all of their floats" in conjunction with homecoming.

The Lions will step up to the challenge this week, he said.

After the Pitt State game, some people have said the Lions entered a slump and won't win again. Cooke said the reason the team has lost the games since PSU was because of a number of injuries resulting from that matchup.

He said the goal of the team for the season is to win six games.

Cooke said the Lions and the Mules may be mismatched on paper, but in reality, the Lions could pull off the upset.

Central Missouri State spikes Lady Lions' defensive efforts

BY KRISTEN SMITH
Staff Writer

After playing a series of home games, Lady Lions volleyball left Joplin Oct. 19 and headed to Warrensburg to challenge Central Missouri State University.

The Lady Lions lost 3-0 to the Jennies for the second year in a row.

"We had a really good match and played really well as a team," said Cindy Fleming, freshman.

Winning the match marked the fourth win in the last two weeks for the Jennies who stand at 18-6 for the season. Southern fell behind in a three-game match against CMSU. Scores for the game were 30-21, 30-27 and 30-22. The Lady Lions currently stand at 10-13 for the season.

Sophomore Sara Jaynes held the game highs for Southern with 10 kills and 17 defensive digs.

"We passed really well," Fleming said. "They were hitting a lot of balls at us, and we dug really well and had really good defense."

Senior Amy Little was out of the match due to illness. The team knew ahead of time that Little would not be in the game and had time to prepare. Jaynes and Fleming stepped up for Little.

"One of our key players wasn't able to play," senior Shannon Schultz said.

"Sarah and Cindy played for her and played really well."

During the second game, Southern was up but couldn't pull through against the Jennies.

"We didn't play bad, we just couldn't finish," Schultz said.

Despite the loss, the team felt it played well and there was nothing specifically that contributed to the loss.

"I don't think we were weak," Schultz said. "Central is really good and we played well as a team."

The Jennies face the Lady Lions again at noon on Saturday, Nov. 2 in Joplin.

"It will be a great match, and we are excited about them coming here," Schultz said. "We will have home court advantage."

She said the team will be able to practice what it did wrong in the Oct. 19 match.

"We know their weaknesses," Schultz said. "They are a good team, and we are able to beat them so it will be a good game."

Friday the Lady Lions will play Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. On Saturday, the women play Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan.

The Lady Lions lost to Washburn and Emporia previously this season.

"We know their weaknesses. They are a good team, and we are able to beat them so it will be a good game."

Shannon Schultz
Senior Libero

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Life on Campus

Is Southern's housing worth the cost?

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Andrew Doennig, freshman kinesiology major, bought traps for his residence hall room after finding a mouse in his private room in Blaine Hall.

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Doennig and fellow Missouri Southern students Eric Norris, freshman business major; Nick VanDyke, sophomore criminal justice major; and Ryan Shields, freshman political science major play video games in a residence hall room on the second floor of Blaine Hall.

Tere Hogan/The Chart

East Hall is the newest of the Missouri Southern's residence halls.

BY JACOB W. BROWER
Associate Editor

According to many on-campus Missouri Southern students, living in the residence halls comes with a variety of good and bad.

Many students believe living in the residence halls is worth the money, while experiences of others have been less than favorable.

Andrew Doennig, freshman kinesiology major, said his experience has been mostly positive. The first-semester student, however, recently had to contend with some unexpected visitors in his first-floor private room in Blaine Hall.

Doennig said he was going to sleep on a recent night when he saw a mouse scurry across the floor. He said he set up mousetraps that week before going on a weekend visit to his parents in Monett.

When he returned on Sunday night, he said he found, not one, but three mice had been captured. Doennig said he believes the mice were coming in through a large crack between the floor and his closet.

"They were supposed to fix the hole under the closet, but they haven't done it yet," Doennig said on Oct. 17. "A work order was made out a few days ago, but nothing's been done yet. I don't think it should be much of a hassle for them to cover it or fix it or anything."

Bob Harrington, director of the physical plant, said a maintenance person is on duty from 6:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. He did say, however, that maintenance people are on call at all times in case of an emergency.

Harrington said Blaine Hall, which houses male students, has traditionally been harder to maintain than the all-female McCormick Hall.

"We try to keep it up as best we can, but the men's dorm does take more abuse," he said. "I don't know that any part of it is in really bad shape. As you can imagine, with students moving in in August and out in May, they've lived in these rooms for nine and a half months without any cleaning or maintenance done. That can make for a difficult job in the summer."

Other students in Blaine Hall said they had trouble with the air conditioning the first week or two of the semester.

However, most said they were satisfied with the quick manner in which the problem was remedied.

"We had problems getting the air conditioning on, but as soon as we told them something was wrong, they got it fixed," said Eric Norris, freshman business major. "It's great now. I've enjoyed living here a lot so far."

Deb Gipson, Southern's director of housing, said it is imperative for students to inform either their student assistants or maintenance if a problem exists.

"We've come a long way in the area of maintenance," she said. "About five years ago, I was concerned. As long as a student lets us know there's something wrong, we can usually handle the situation within a couple of days."

Private rooms offered

On-campus students this semester have been given the option of private rooms, which has not been available in years past. A $2,600 semester fee covers private housing plus 20 meals per week — the same meal plan as offered in all on-campus housing.

The residence halls also offer apartments, suites and regular double occupancy rooms.

The apartments provide two bedrooms with a common living area and a shared bathroom for $2,200 per semester.

The suites offer two bedrooms with two bathrooms and a common living area for $2,400 per semester. The regular double occupancy rooms are $2,000 per semester.

Gipson said she believes the financial benefits of living on campus far outweigh those of off-campus housing.

"Most [off-campus] apartments [in the Joplin area] rent for $400 a month, and that doesn't include utilities," she said.

"I think the cost of utilities, plus food, is something you have to consider when looking at on-campus housing.

"That's a pretty dad-gum good deal. I wish it was like that at my house."

Gipson said Southern's on-campus students receive benefits that are as good as, if not better than, any other institution in Missouri.

"I'd put us up against anyone in the state, quite frankly" she said.

Are Southern's prices best?

Other institutions in Missouri are quite comparable to Southern, however. Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph, Southern's sister college, offers two kinds of housing — suites and apartments. A suite at MWSC, which consists of four bedrooms (three doubles, one triple) and a shared living room costs $1,046 per semester.

An apartment at MWSC, which consists of two double bedrooms and shared living room, costs $1,302 per semester. Single rooms are not offered.

While these prices seem significantly lower than at Southern, MWSC's housing does not come with a meal plan.

Meal plans, which are purchased separately, cost $829 for 12 meals a week or $1,130 for 15 meals a week plus $300 "flex" money, which can be used either in the cafeteria or student center.

The housing costs at Pittsburg State University, only 30 miles northwest of Southern, are significantly lower.

On-campus students can live in a single room with seven-day food access for $2,280 — the most expensive option available.

Other room and board options at Pitt State are as follows: double rooms and seven-day food access is $1,953; double rooms and 14 meals a week are $1,833; single rooms and 14 meals a week are $2,160; double rooms and 10 meals a week are $1,719; single rooms and 10 meals a week are $2,046; double rooms and $300 flex money is $1,368; and single rooms and $300 flex money are $1,698.

Dr. Terri Agee, Southern's vice president for business affairs, said all room and board fees are applied to the maintenance and refurbishment of the residence halls, payment of bonds taken out on the Student Life Center and East Hall, and utility costs.

"Every penny goes to residence hall operations," Agee said.

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> **Bob Harrington**
> *Physical Plant Director*

Future improvements

Stegge Hall is closed this year for refurbishing. The roof of the building has already been replaced, and Agee said she hopes the College can do internal refurbishing "when the weather gets bad."

"We thought this would be a good year to do it, since we wouldn't have to displace anybody," she said. "We would like to keep the residence halls in as good a shape as possible, funds permitting. I like to say 'funds permitting' because that's a key issue anymore."

Agee said the traffic light system for the crosswalks on Newman and Duquesne roads are the College's top priorities.

"We're waiting to see what the fiscal picture of the state is before we commit to anything," she said.

"Last year was full of so many twists and turns that I can't even begin to project what we'll face this year.

"I'll continue to be hopeful that the cuts to higher education won't be as severe this fiscal year, but it's too early to project what's going to happen."

Gov. Bob Holden will deliver his State of the State address in January, where he will give his budget recommendations for all state departments, including higher education.

On-campus Southern students felt the effects of the budget cuts this year.

Across the board, students pay 8.5 percent more for housing than last year.

PSU increased its room and board fees by 4 percent this year, while MWSC increased housing costs by about 6 percent.

Room and Board Costs (per semester)

Missouri Southern: $2,000-$2,600

Missouri Western: $1,875-$2,432

Pittsburg State: $1,368-$2,280